

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/998,849

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 04/11/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4,6-9,11,13,14,21-25,27,28 and 30-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney of record Geza C. Ziegler, Jr., on 06/04/2007.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims 28:

-- 28. (previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the first keypad has a different number of keys than said second keypad. --

(End of Amendment)

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-9, 11, 13-14, 21-25, 27-28, and 30-32 are allowed over the prior art of record.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The applicant's Remarks, filed on 04/11/2007, have been carefully reviewed with update search. Consequently, reasons for allowance of claims 1-2, 4, 6-9, 11, 13-14, 21-25, 27-28, and 30-32 are set forth in the following:

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Regarding claims 1, 9, 21, 23, and 25, the prior art made of record fails to clearly teach or fairly suggest the feature of a handset comprises a first keypad and second keypad, the second keypad exchangeable with the first keypad; wherein the second keypad is adapted to replace the first keypad on the housing when the first keypad is removed from the housing and the circuitry detects a first electrical resistance of the first keypad or a second electrical resistance of the second keypad where the first electrical resistance is different than the second electrical resistance; and an illumination source, wherein the illumination source illuminates the first or second keypad when the first or second keypad is coupled to the housing and the first keypad at least partially conceals the telephone keypad, in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claims 1, 9, 21, 23, and 25, and further limitations of their respective dependent claims 2, 4, 6-8, 11, 13-14, 22, 24, 27-28, and 30-32.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-8097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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